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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions, Form N-648, Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection; Comment Request; Correction.

Action: 30-Day Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 10, 2012, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) published a 60-day notice in the Federal Register at 77 FR 27474 to extend, without change, this information collection, but incorrectly stated in the title, "Revision of an Existing Information Collection Request" due to a typographical error. USCIS, however, correctly stated in the body of this 60-day notice that the type of information collection request was for an "Extension of an existing information collection." This document corrects the typographical error in title of the 60-day notice to read, "Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection."

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection notice was previously published in the Federal Register on May 10, 2012, at 77 FR 27474, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS received one comment submission in connection with the 60-day notice and USCIS acknowledges receipt in item 8 of the supporting statement.

DATES: This notice allows an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until [Insert date 30 days from date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to DHS, and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer. Comments may be submitted to: DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20529-2020. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via e-mail at uscisfr.comment@dhs.gov, to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-5806 or via e-mail at oir_submission@omb.eop.gov and via the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at <http://www.Regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2008-0021. When submitting comments by e-mail, please make sure to add 1615-0060 in the subject box.

All submissions received must include the agency name, OMB Control Number and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Note: The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning this information collection. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case,

please check “My Case Status” online at: <https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard.do>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this Information Collection:

- (1) Type of Information Collection Request: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.
- (2) Title of the Form/Collection: Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions.
- (3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection: N-648; USCIS.
- (4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:
Primary: Individuals or households. USCIS uses Form N-648 issued by the medical professional to substantiate a claim for an exception to the requirements of section 312

(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

- (5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 13,801 responses at 2 hours per response.
- (6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 27,602 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument with supplementary documents, or need additional information, please visit <http://www.regulations.gov>. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20529-2020; Telephone 202-272-1470.

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